

## News Release

# UMC Commencement Speaker Cindy Bigger Has Strong Local Ties

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CROOKSTON, MN (May 4, 2006) – She's a graduate of Crookston High School as well as the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), and this Saturday she'll be the keynote speaker for UMC's commencement 2006.

Cindy Bigger, a 1979 UMC alumna, will present "Go...You Can Always Sleep Later!" during UMC's commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Lysaker Gymnasium on the campus. More than 150 students are scheduled to participate; and families, friends and community members are invited to attend and celebrate the occasion, marking UMC's Centennial celebration finale.

Bigger, now an associate professor and regional extension educator for the University of Minnesota Extension Service, said she was very honored and surprised to be asked to speak at this year's ceremony.

"UMC is a place that gave me a chance, treated me very well and truly expanded my view of the world," said Bigger, who also serves on the UMC Alumni Association Board of Directors. "My parents, who lived in Crookston for nearly 30 years, were involved in many organizations in the community and at UMC. They instilled in me a responsibility to give back, to be involved in those things that you are passionate about and that there is a sense of pride in the doing."

Bigger grew up just four miles from the UMC campus on a very small farm. The family raised and showed Suffolk and Hampshire sheep and Angus cattle in addition to farming a few acres of small grains.

Bigger holds an associate of art degree from UMC, a bachelor of science degree in home economics education from North Dakota State University, and a master of education degree in adult education from the University of Minnesota.

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